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SOVIET-SOMALI TREATY WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IMMEDIATELY ZUBJECT:

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SOVIET OFFICIALS IN MOGADISCIO HAVE PRIVATELY DISCLOSED THAT THE TEXT OF THE USSR'S FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH SOMALI--SIGNED LAST THURSDAY--WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED UNTIL "AFTER RATIFICATION." THIS PROCEDURE DEPARTS FROM SOVIET PRACTICE IN HANDLING FRIENDSHIP ACCORDS WITH EGYPT, IRAR, AND INDIA. IN ALL THREE INSTANCES THE PARTIES AGREED TO PUBLICATION OF A TEXT IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIGNATURE.

EITHER SIDE MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECISION NOT TO REVEAL THE TERMS OF THE TREATY. YESTERDAY'S COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTS THERE WAS LESS THAN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN POINTS, AND

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